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SPIDER-MAN

INSIDE:
VENOM!



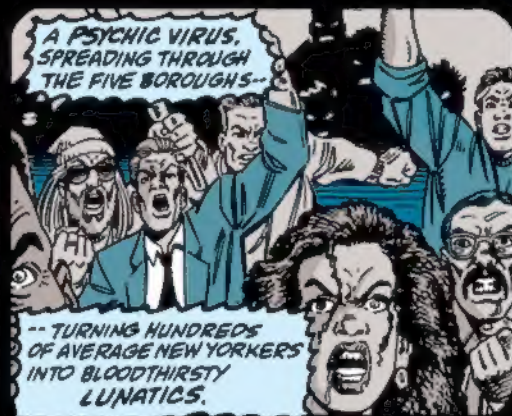
GUEST-STARRING
MARVEL'S GREATEST
ACTION HEROES!

TOM LEE/93

--- AND ACROSS THE CITY TODAY, THE
WAVE OF VIOLENCE CONTINUES.

MORE LIKE A
PLAGUE,
ACTUALLY.





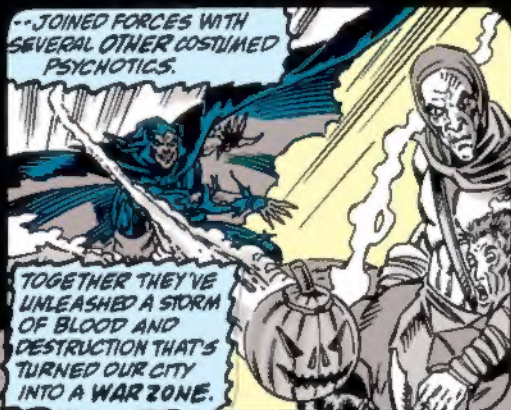
A PSYCHIC VIRUS,
SPREADING THROUGH
THE FIVE BOROUGHS--

--TURNING HUNDREDS
OF AVERAGE NEW YORKERS
INTO BLOODTHIRSTY
LUNATICS.



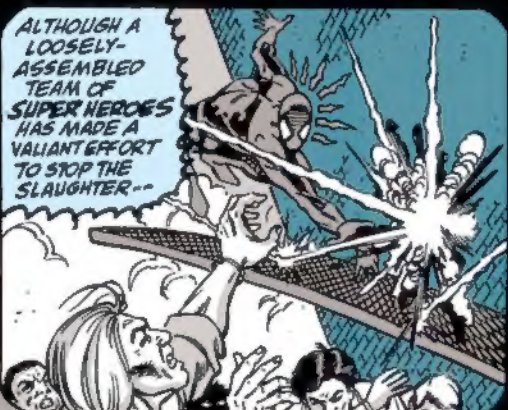
IT'S BEEN SPECULATED THAT THIS WOMAN--
KNOWN ONLY AS SHRIEK--IS SOMEHOW THE
SOURCE OF THE
OUTBREAKS.

ALL WE KNOW FOR SURE IS THAT THE VIOLENCE
BEGAN SHORTLY AFTER SHRIEK--HAVING ESCAPED
FROM A MENTAL HOSPITAL IN THE COMPANY OF
THE SERIAL KILLER CALLED CARNAGE--



--JOINED FORCES WITH
SEVERAL OTHER COSTUMED
PSYCHOTICS.

TOGETHER THEY'VE
UNLEASHED A STORM
OF BLOOD AND
DESTRUCTION THAT'S
TURNED OUR CITY
INTO A WAR ZONE.



ALTHOUGH A
LOOSELY-
ASSEMBLED
TEAM OF
SUPER HEROES
HAS MADE A
VALIANT EFFORT
TO STOP THE
SLAUGHTER--



--THEY, TOO,
SEEM UNABLE
TO BRING THIS
MADNESS TO
AN END.

WHEN ASKED FOR A
COMMENT, CAPTAIN
AMERICA--CLEARLY
UNDER STRESS--
HAD ONLY THIS
TO SAY:



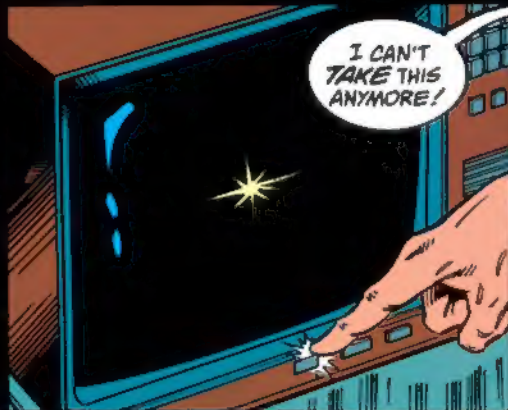
WE'RE
DOING
EVERYTHING
WE CAN!

ON THE SCENE

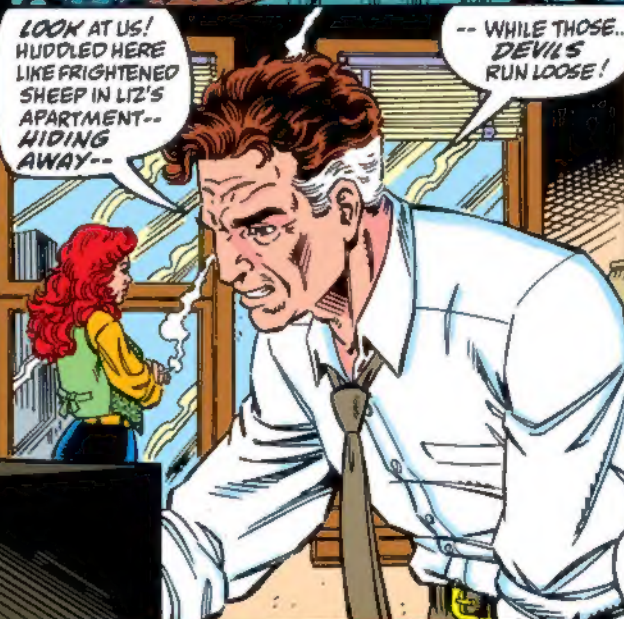


NOW SHUT DOWN THOSE CAMERAS-- AND GET YOUR PEOPLE OUT OF HERE!

WITH THAT, THE LIVING LEGEND OF WORLD WAR II RETURNED TO THE--



I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANYMORE!



LOOK AT US! HUDDLED HERE LIKE FRIGHTENED SHEEP IN LIZ'S APARTMENT-- HIDING AWAY--

-- WHILE THOSE... DEVILS RUN LOOSE!

I FEEL LIKE I'M IN PRISON AGAIN!

RICHARD... DARLING... PLEASE DON'T--!

DON'T WHAT, MARY? DON'T SPEAK THE TRUTH?

WHEN WE WERE LOCKED AWAY IN THAT SOVIET HELL HOLE-- ONE OF THE FEW THINGS THAT GAVE ME HOPE... KEPT ME SANE... WAS THINKING ABOUT MY LIFE BACK HOME--



-- A WORLD THAT MADE SOME KIND OF SENSE. MORAL... ORDERLY... BUT I NOW SEE WHAT A FOOL I WAS! THAT WORLD I REMEMBERED WAS JUST AN ILLUSION! THE EVIL WAS HERE... ALL ALONG... FESTERING BENEATH THE SURFACE! AND IT'S FINALLY BURST THROUGH TO--

SHUT



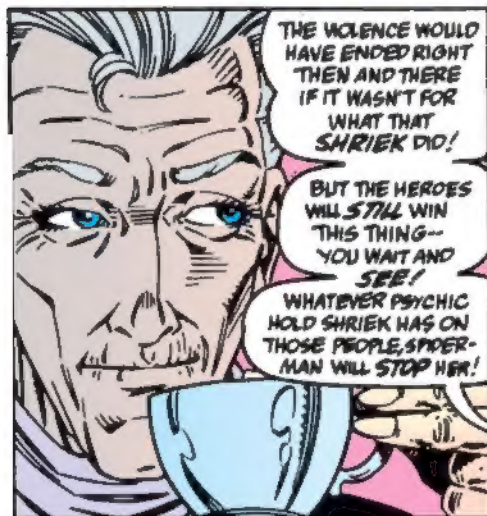
UP!!
huh?!

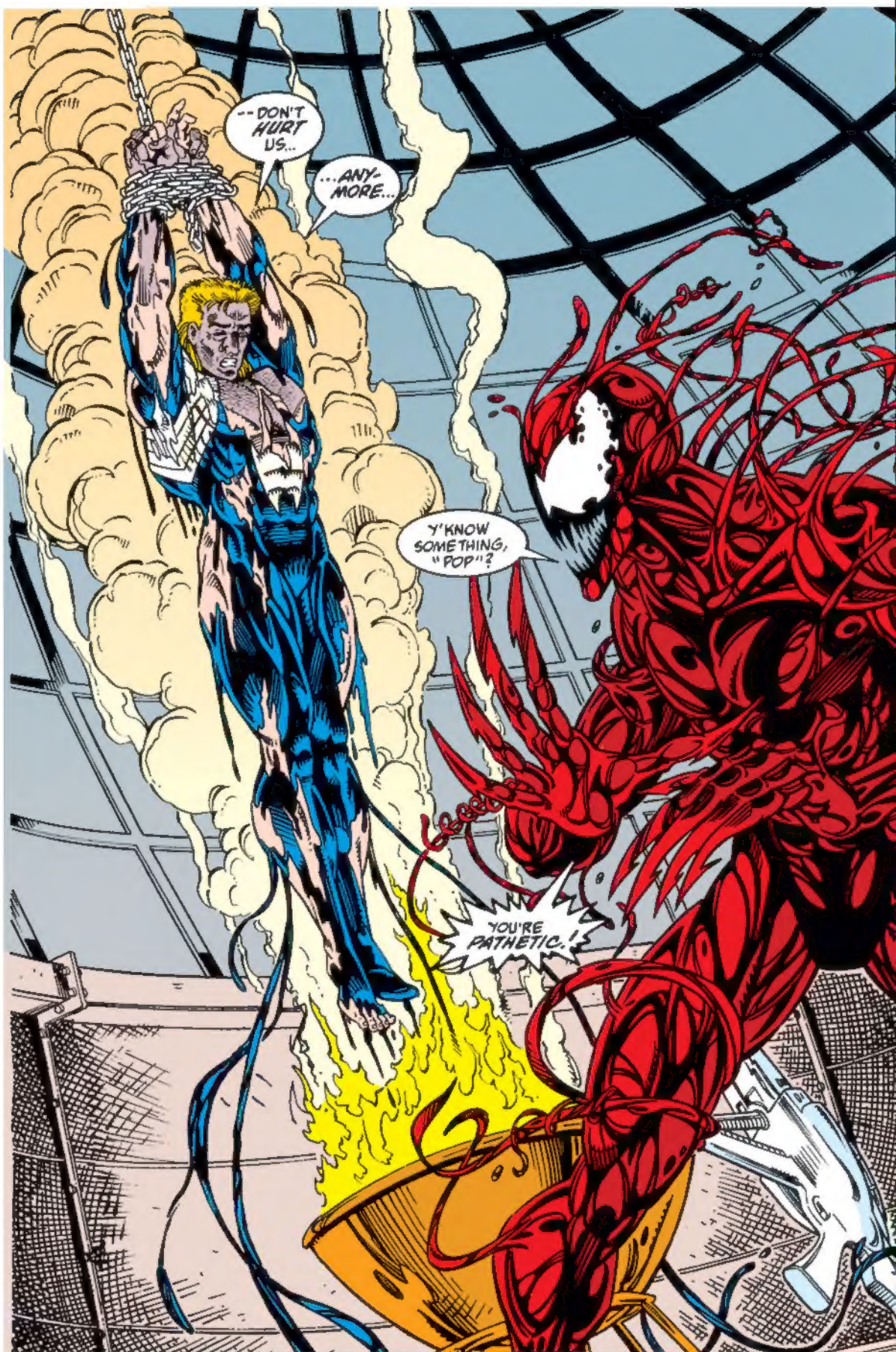
FATHER-IN-LAW OR NOT... I AM SICK TO DEATH OF LISTENING TO YOU!

THERE ARE DECENT PEOPLE OUT THERE PUTTING THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE! THEY NEED OUR GOOD THOUGHTS--

OUR PRAYERS-- --NOT YOUR NEGATIVITY AND CYNICISM!

NOW, MARY JANE-- I... I KNOW YOU'RE UPSET--



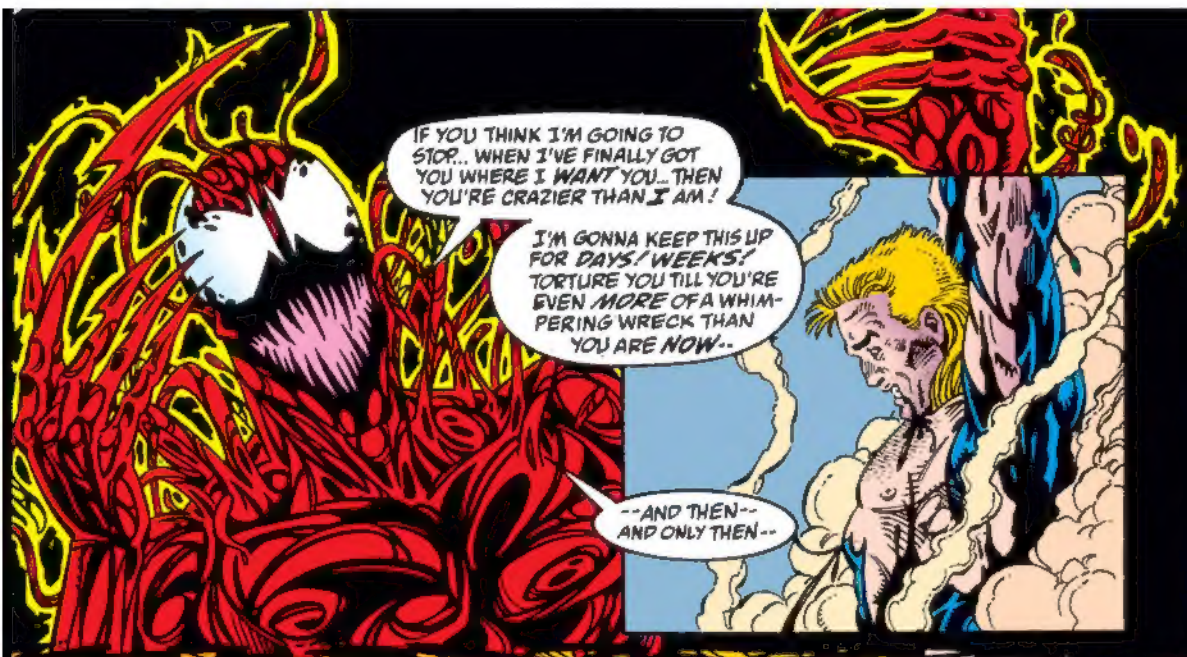


-- DON'T
HURT
US...

...ANY-
MORE...

Y'KNOW
SOMETHING,
"POP"?

YOU'RE
PATHETIC!



IF YOU THINK I'M GOING TO STOP... WHEN I'VE FINALLY GOT YOU WHERE I WANT YOU... THEN YOU'RE CRAZIER THAN I AM!

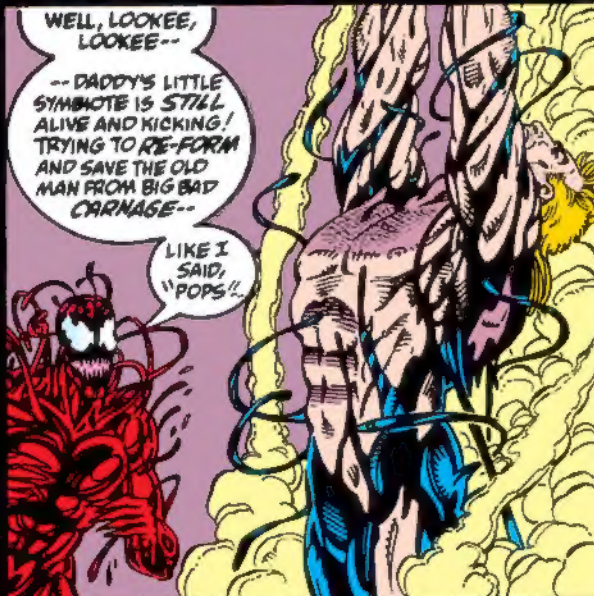
I'M GONNA KEEP THIS UP FOR DAYS! WEEKS! TORTURE YOU TILL YOU'RE EVEN MORE OF A WHIMPERING WRECK THAN YOU ARE NOW..

--AND THEN--
AND ONLY THEN--

--WILL I DO YOU THE HONOR OF KILLING YOU!

SHRAAKK!

YEEEAARRRR!



WELL, LOOKEE, LOOKEE--

--DADDY'S LITTLE SYMBIOTE IS STILL ALIVE AND KICKING! TRYING TO RE-FORM AND SAVE THE OLD MAN FROM BIG BAD CARNAGE--

LIKE I SAID, "POPS!"



--PATHETIC!

YOU TRIED THIS STUNT A LITTLE WHILE AGO --AND I STOPPED YOU COLD WITH THIS SONIC GUN!

GUESS I'LL HAVE TO DO IT AGAIN!

NO... DON'T~ PLEASE!

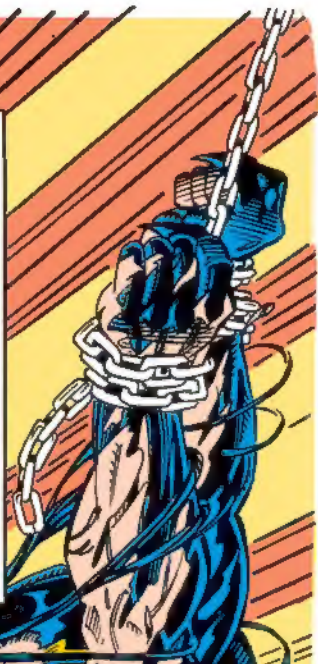
NOT THAT!

NOT THAT!

AW... LOOK AT 'IM: HE'S REALLY TERRIFIED. POOR GUY--

--MAYBE HE'S HAD ENOUGH. MAYBE I SHOULDN'T USE THE GUN ON HIM.

AND IF YOU BELIEVE THAT... THERE'S A BRIDGE IN BROOKLYN I'D LIKE TO SELL YOU!



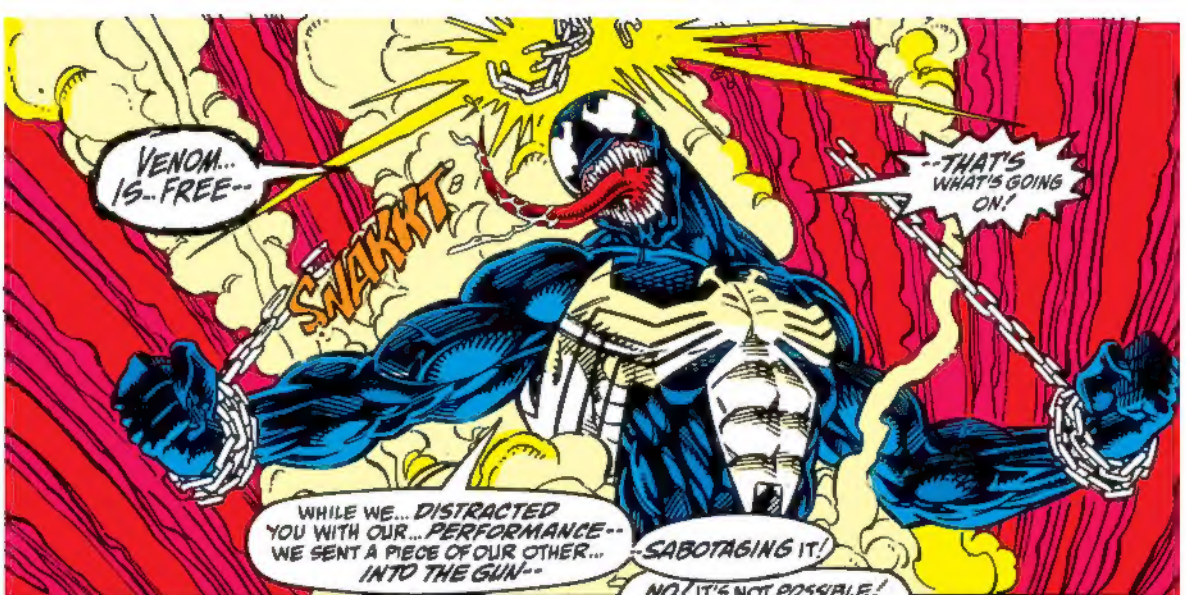
BANG-BANG, EDDIE... YOU'RE--

PLDOOSH!

--DEAD...?!

W-WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT'S GOING ON?!

WHAT'S GOING ON... YOU PITIFUL FOOL?



VENOM...
IS...FREE--

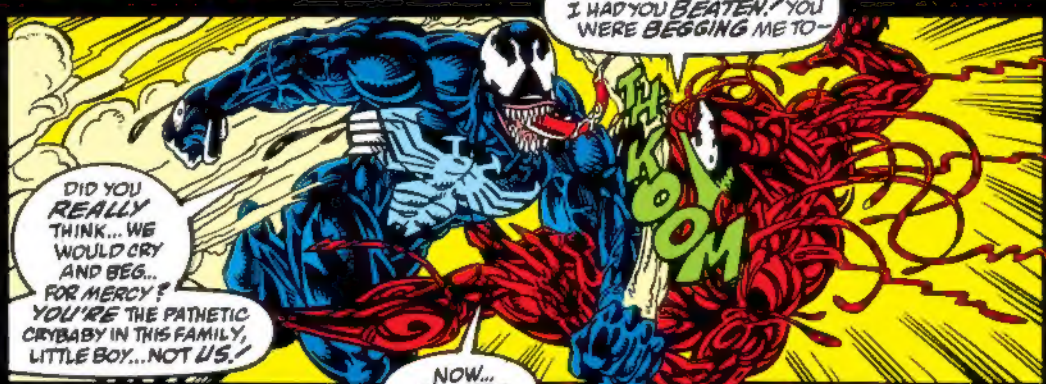
SWAKKT

--THAT'S
WHAT'S GOING
ON!

WHILE WE... DISTRACTED
YOU WITH OUR... PERFORMANCE--
WE SENT A PIECE OF OUR OTHER...
INTO THE GUN--

SABOTAGING IT!

NO! IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
I HAD YOU BEATEN. YOU
WERE BEGGING ME TO--



DID YOU
REALLY
THINK... WE
WOULD CRY
AND BEG...
FOR MERCY?
YOU'RE THE PATHETIC
CRYBABY IN THIS FAMILY,
LITTLE BOY... NOT US!

THAT
KNOOM

NOW...
EXCUSE
US--



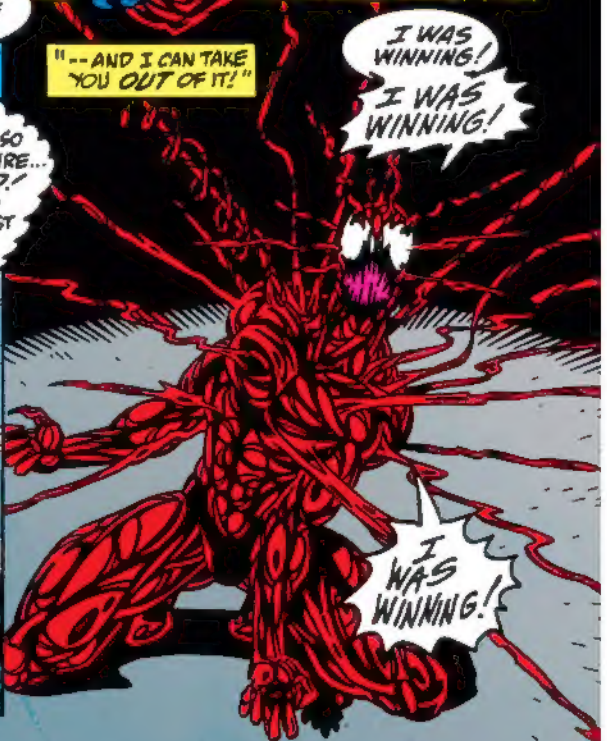
--WHILE WE
ESCAPE!

RUN AWAY IS
MORE LIKE IT! STILL SO
WEAK... FROM TORTURE...
CAN HARDLY STAND!
TOOK EVERYTHING
WE HAD... JUST
TO BREAK
LOOSE--

-- AND GET PAST
CARNAGE!
OUR "OFFSPRING"
WILL HAVE TO WAIT...
UNTIL AFTER WE'VE
HEALED!

OH... BUT, ONCE WE
HAVE--

AS OUR DEAR
FATHER USED TO
SAY: "SON... I
BROUGHT YOU INTO
THIS WORLD--

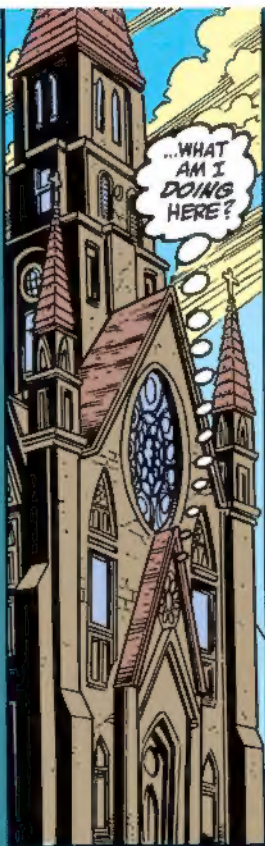


-- AND I CAN TAKE
YOU OUT OF IT!"

I WAS
WINNING!

I WAS
WINNING!

I WAS
WINNING!



...WHAT
AM I
DOING
HERE?



THE WORLD OUTSIDE IS IN
CHAOS... PEOPLE ARE
HURTING... DYING!

CLOAK SHOULD BE OUT
THERE ... HELPING--

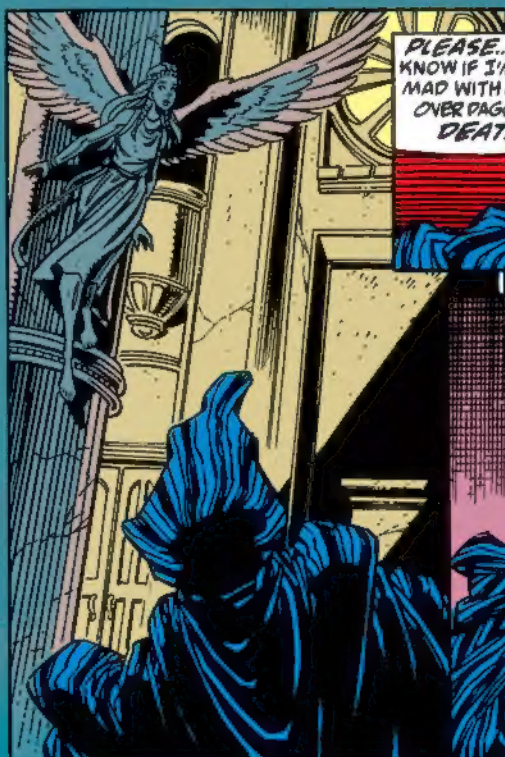
-- AND YET SOMETHING
HAS DRAWN ME BACK--TO
THE HOLY GHOST
CHURCH--

A FEELING...
DEEP IN MY
HEART, A VOICE...
FROM THE
BOTTOM OF MY
SOUL--

-- BUT I
DON'T KNOW
WHAT IT
MEANS!



WHAT DO
YOU WANT
FROM ME?!



PLEASE... I DON'T
KNOW IF I'M JUST
MAD WITH GRIEF
OVER DAGGER'S
DEATH--

-- OR IF
WHAT I'M
FEELING
IS REAL.



I-I'VE
LOST MY
WAY.



HELP
ME--

-- PLEASE.



...DEATHLOK--
MOVE!

THE ONLY WAY TO STOP THIS MADNESS
IS TO CUT IT OFF AT THE SOURCE! ONE
OF US HAS GOT TO REACH SHRIEK!

I'M GIVING IT
MY BEST,
CAP--

-- BUT CUTTING A PATH THROUGH
THESE PEOPLE WITHOUT SERIOUSLY
HURTING THEM ISN'T
EXACTLY EASY--!

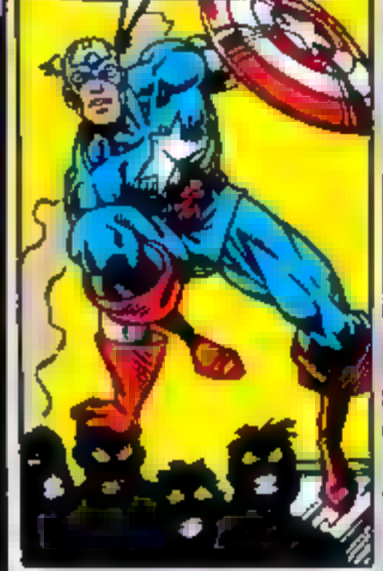
SHAN-
G

I'VE BEEN DOING THIS
FOR MORE YEARS THAN
I'D CARE TO COUNT--

-- AND "EASY"
WAS NEVER A
PART OF THE
JOB DESCRIPTION!

THIS HERO GAME'S
STILL PRETTY NEW
TO ME--
-- BUT I HOPE THAT, A
FEW DECADES DOWN THE
LINE, I CAN LOOK BACK
ON MY LIFE--

-- KNOWING
I'VE DONE HALF
THE JOB YOU
HAVE!



LOOK AT THEM,
"CHILDREN"--

-- GALLANT KNIGHTS... SO
DETERMINED TO SEE WRONGS
RIGHTED-- AND THE IN-
NOCENT PROTECTION!

CERTAIN THAT, IN
THE END, GOOD
WILL DEFEAT
EVIL!

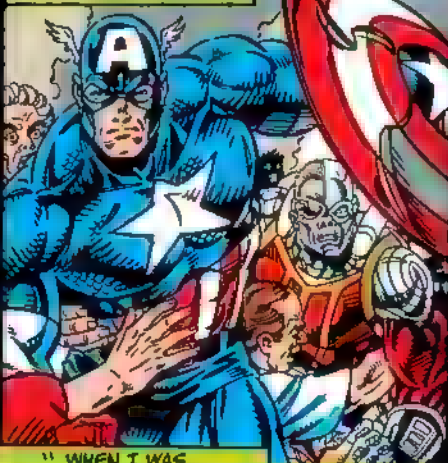
"MOTHER"--
PLEASE--DON'T
UPSET YOUR-
SELF--



HUNGGH!

THEY'RE CHASING
AN ILLUSION!
A LIE!

"BUT I WANT TO BE UPSET, CARRION!"



"WHEN I WAS A LITTLE GIRL...WHEN I WAS TORTMENTED AND ABUSED BY THE PEOPLE I TRUSTED MOST IN THE WORLD--

--I WAS NEVER ALLOWED TO BE UPSET!"

I JUST SMILED... TRIED TO BE GOOD... SO THEY'D LOVE ME... AND STOP HURTING ME!

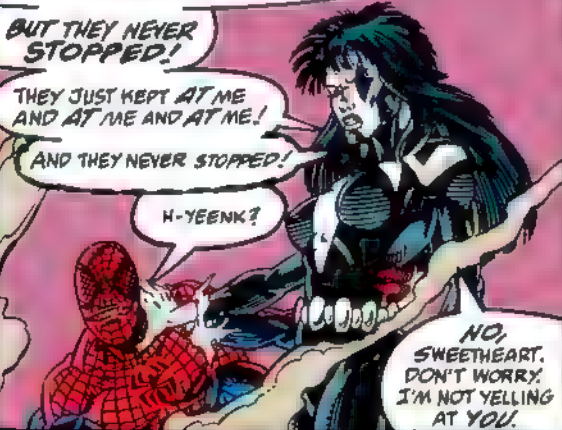
BUT THEY NEVER STOPPED!

THEY JUST KEPT AT ME AND AT ME AND AT ME!

AND THEY NEVER STOPPED!

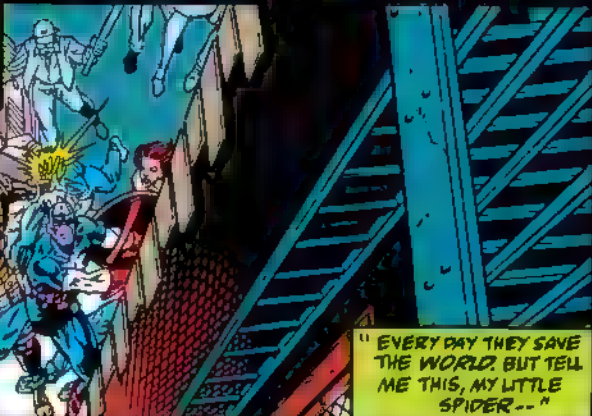
H-YEENK?

NO, SWEETHEART. DON'T WORRY. I'M NOT YELLING AT YOU.



"IT'S THEM I'M UPSET WITH. THE WHITE HATS. THE GOOD GUYS HEADS STUFFED WITH DREAMS AND IDEALS.

--I WAS NEVER ALLOWED TO BE UPSET!"



"EVERY DAY THEY SAVE THE WORLD! BUT TELL ME THIS, MY LITTLE SPIDER--"

-- WHY WEREN'T THEY THERE TO SAVE ME?!

HRRRGH--

NO, NO, NO--YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUNISH THEM. I KNOW IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE CLOSING IN ON US--

--ANOTHER--

--LITTLE--

--PUSH--

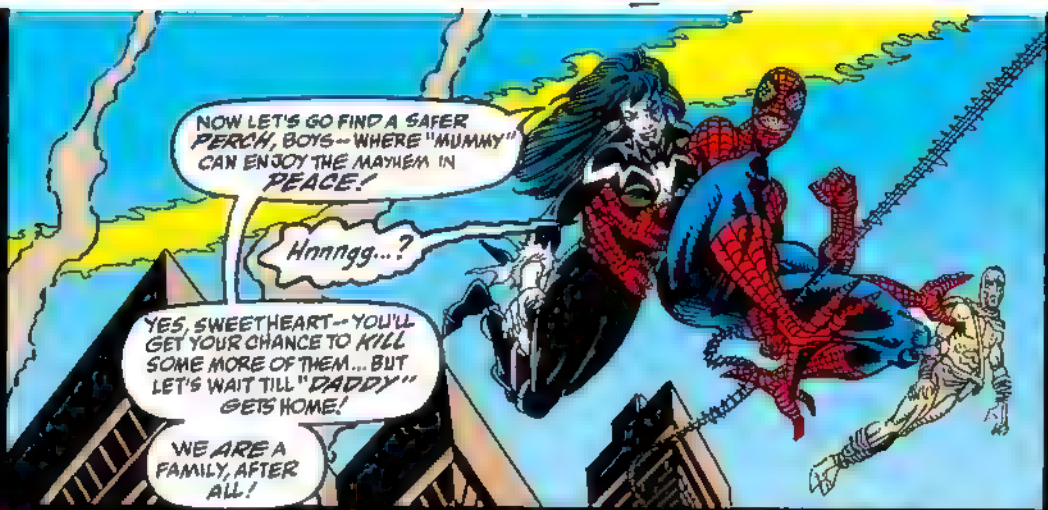
-- BUT ALL I HAVE TO DO IS OWE THE CROWD--



"-- AND THE GOOD GUYS LOSE--



"--BIG TIME--!"



NOW LET'S GO FIND A SAFER PERCH, BOYS-- WHERE "MUMMY" CAN ENJOY THE MAYHEM IN PEACE!

Hnnngg...?

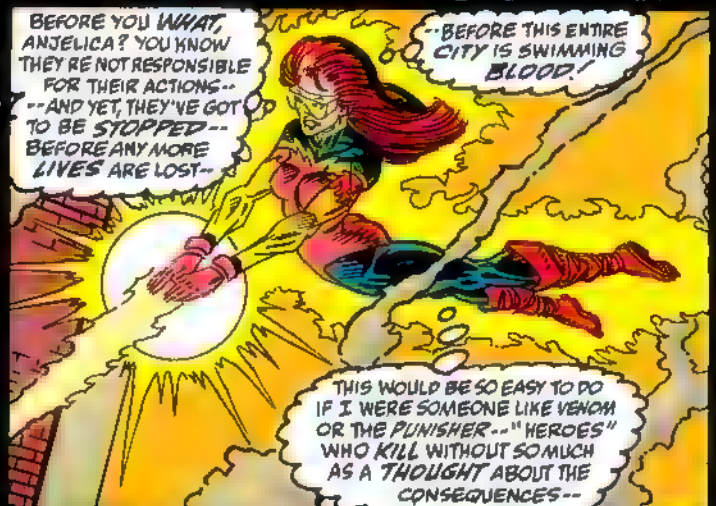
YES, SWEETHEART-- YOU'LL GET YOUR CHANCE TO KILL SOME MORE OF THEM... BUT LET'S WAIT TILL "DADDY" GETS HOME!

WE ARE A FAMILY, AFTER ALL!



GET BACK, YOU MANIACS, BEFORE I--

EZZECHAK



BEFORE YOU WHAT, ANJELICA? YOU KNOW THEY'RE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS-- AND YET, THEY'VE GOT TO BE STOPPED-- BEFORE ANY MORE LIVES ARE LOST--

--BEFORE THIS ENTIRE CITY IS SWIMMING BLOOD!

THIS WOULD BE SO EASY TO DO IF I WERE SOMEONE LIKE VENOM OR THE PUNISHER-- "HEROES" WHO KILL WITHOUT SO MUCH AS A THOUGHT ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES--

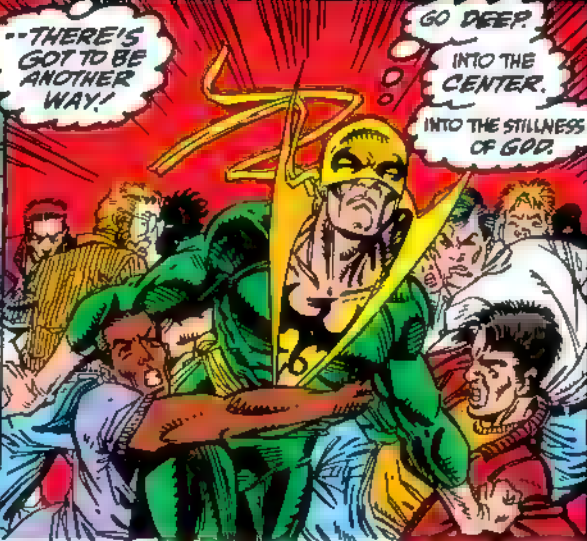
--WHO SPEND MORE TIME MOURNING FOR THEMSELVES THAN FOR THEIR VICTIMS!

BUT I'M NOT LIKE THEM! AND I'D RATHER DIE THAN WIN THIS USING THEIR DESPICABLE METHODS!

SPIDER-MAN KEEPS SAYING IT... AND I KNOW IT'S TRUE--

--THERE'S GOT TO BE ANOTHER WAY!

GO DEEP INTO THE CENTER. INTO THE STILLNESS OF GOD.





DON'T LET THEIR
POISON *INFECT*
YOU.

DON'T LET
THEIR FANGS
BREAK THE
SKIN.

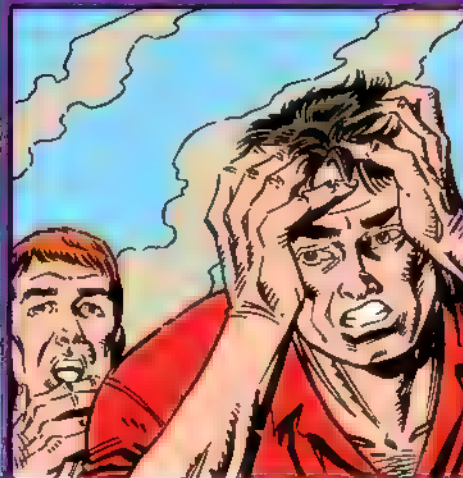
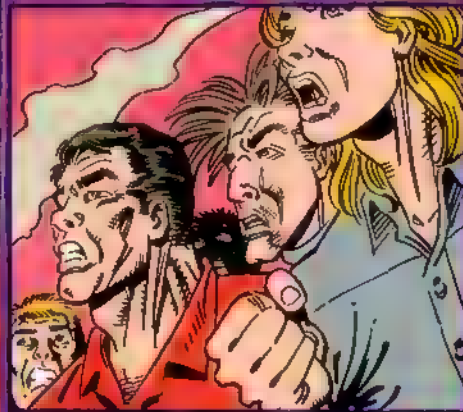
AND... AS YOU GO FARTHER
INTO YOUR HEART... FIND
THEIR HEARTS, TOO.

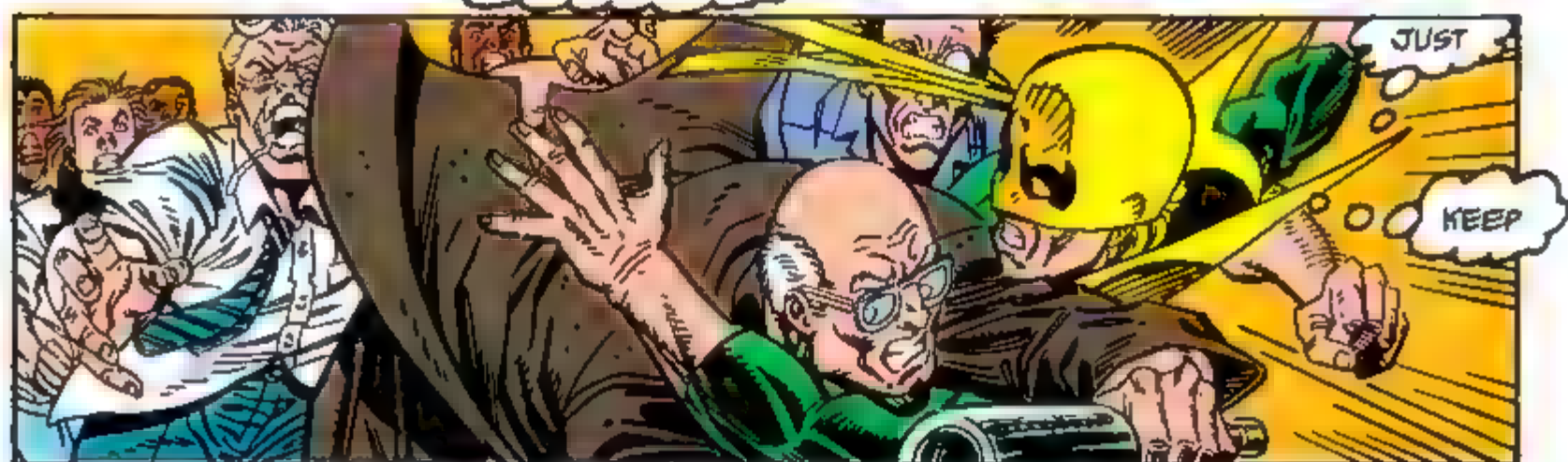
MEET
THEM IN THE
SILENCE.

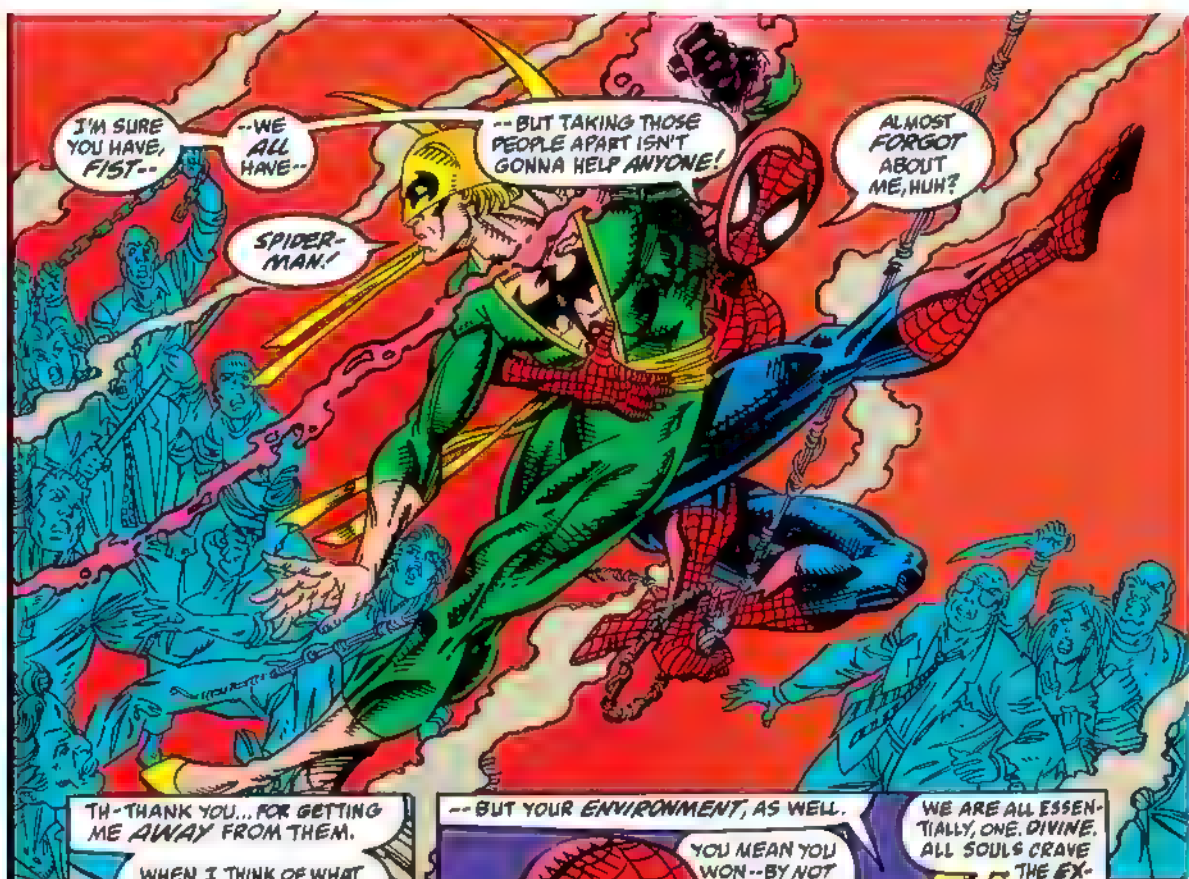


AND LET

THE
SILENCE
SPEAK.







I'M SURE YOU HAVE, FIST--

--WE ALL HAVE--

-- BUT TAKING THOSE PEOPLE APART ISN'T GONNA HELP ANYONE!

ALMOST FORGOT ABOUT ME, HUH?

SPIDER-MAN!

TH-THANK YOU... FOR GETTING ME AWAY FROM THEM.

WHEN I THINK OF WHAT I ALMOST DID! I WAS READY TO--

HEY--DON'T GET SO DOWN ON YOURSELF! YOU THINK WE'RE NOT FEELING THE EFFECTS OF SHRIEK'S PSYCHOTIC VIBES? IT'S AMAZING WE HAVEN'T ALL CRACKED UP BY NOW--!

-- BUT YOUR ENVIRONMENT, AS WELL.

YOU MEAN YOU WON--BY NOT FIGHTING?

WE ARE ALL ESSENTIALLY, ONE. DIVINE. ALL SOULS CRAVE THE EXPERIENCE OF THAT ONENESS. OTHERS--

--IT CAN'T BE REFUSED.

I'M NOT MUCH ON THIS ALAN WATTS STUFF.



BUT THAT WAS A NICE ATTEMPT YOU MADE. HOW'D YOU DO IT? COOL THEM DOWN LIKE THAT?

A... MEDITATIVE TECHNIQUE I LEARNED IN K'UN L'YIN. REACH DOWN INTO THE CALM CENTER OF THE SOUL... AND YOU NOT ONLY AFFECT YOURSELF--

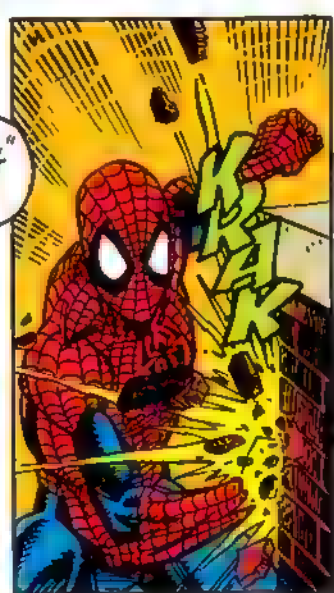


-- BUT IF YOU COULD TEACH THE REST OF US HOW TO DO THIS LITTLE TRICK--

IT'S NOT A "TRICK," SPIDER-MAN-- BUT I COULD TEACH IT TO YOU--

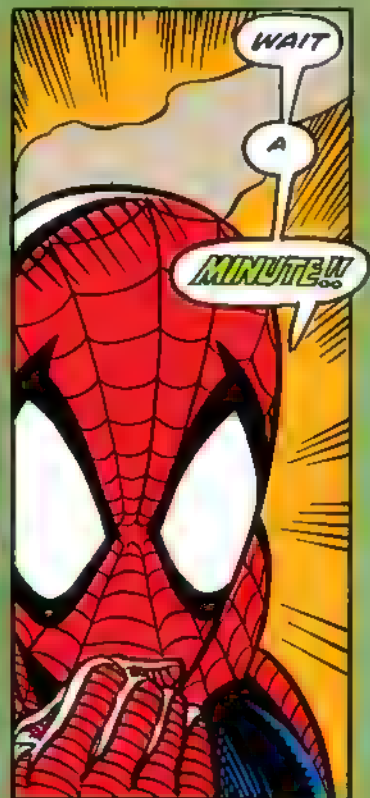
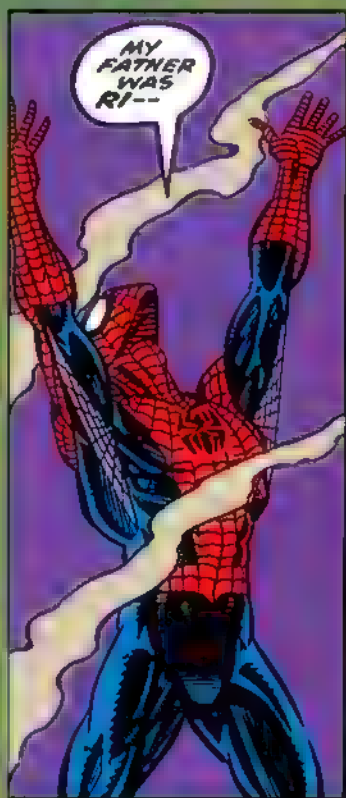
YEAH? HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE?

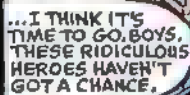
EIGHT OR TEN YEARS.



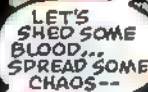
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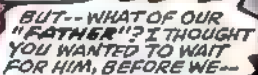




...I THINK IT'S
TIME TO GO, BOYS.
THESE RIDICULOUS
HEROES HAVEN'T
GOT A CHANCE.



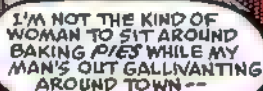
LET'S
SHED SOME
BLOOD...
SPREAD SOME
CHAOS--



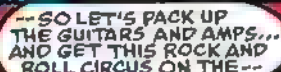
BUT-- WHAT OF OUR
"FATHER"? I THOUGHT
YOU WANTED TO WAIT
FOR HIM, BEFORE WE--



FATHER OR NOT-- WE CAN'T
STAND HERE WAITING FOR
HIM FOREVER.




I'M NOT THE KIND OF
WOMAN TO SIT AROUND
BAKING PIES WHILE MY
MAN'S OUT GALLIVANTING
AROUND TOWN--



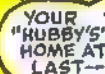
--SO LET'S PACK UP
THE GUITARS AND AMPS...
AND GET THIS ROCK AND
ROLL CIRCUS ON THE--



NOT SO
FAST--



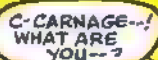
--DARLING!



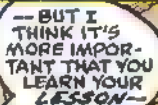
YOUR
"HUBBY'S"
HOME AT
LAST--



--AND
HE'S NOT
VERY
HAPPY!



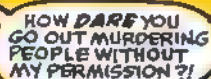
C. CARNAGE--!
WHAT ARE
YOU--?



--BUT I
THINK IT'S
MORE IMPOR-
TANT THAT YOU
LEARN YOUR
LESSON--



--THE
HARD
WAY!



HOW DARE YOU
GO OUT MURDERING
PEOPLE WITHOUT
MY PERMISSION?!



NO WIFE OF MINE
IS GOING TO HAVE
HER OWN CAREER!



I OUGHTA KILL
YOU HERE AND
NOW--



KRAAK!

I WEAR THE PANTS
IN THIS FAMILY--AND
EITHER YOU LIVE BY
MY RULES OR YOU
FACE THE CONSEQUEN--

--AAAK!

I'M
CARNAGE--

YAAAAA!!!

--THAT'S
WHO I AM!

HRRARRGGH!

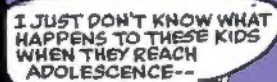
SO-- THIS
IS HOW IT'S
GONNA BE,
EH?

MY
LITTLE
BOYS
ARE--

--REVOL--
TING.

WELL...
IF THAT'S
HOW YOU
WANT IT...
WHO AM I
TO ARGUE?

NO!



I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO THESE KIDS WHEN THEY REACH ADOLESCENCE--

--THE **NORMONES** START POPPING, THE **ADRENALINE** STARTS **PUMPING**--

--NEXT THING YOU KNOW, THEY'RE WEARING LEATHER JACKETS AND GETTING INTO ALL KINDS OF TROUBLE!

THOUGHT YOU WERE **INDESTRUCTIBLE**-- DIDN'T YOU, JAMES DEAN?

AH, WELL... NO USE GETTING LOST IN MY GRIEF, TIME TO LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE AND MOVE ON.

SO--DID WE ALL GET THE **POINT** OF MY LITTLE DEMONSTRATION?

ARE WE GOING TO START ACTING LIKE A **FAMILY** AGAIN--OR DO I HAVE TO TAKE YOU APART--

--ONE BY ONE!

BAH!

I REMAINED WITH YOU THIS LONG BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WOULD HELP ME IN MY **HOLY CAUSE**--

--BUT I SEE THAT-- IN THE COMPANY OF SUCH AS YOU --

--THE CAUSE WOULD SURELY BE LOST!

AND SO I BID YOU ALL A VERY **HEARTFELT GOOD**--

WHERE'RE YOU GOING IN SUCH A **HURRY, DEMO?**

WELL, **SURPRISE--**

--YOU'RE **NOT!**

POK!

SIGH! IT'S SUCH A **TRAGEDY...** A "FATHER" LOSING HIS FAVORITE "SON!"

I HAD SUCH...HIGH HOPES FOR HIM!

SKRAK!



--THE PARTY'S JUST GETTING STARTED!

OH, I SEE YOU NOTICED THAT THE STREETS ARE DESERTED. FUNNYTHING ABOUT THAT.

SEEMS THAT, WHILE YOU JERKS WERE GOING AT EACH OTHER, SHRIEK LOST CONTROL OF THE CROWD--

--AND WE WERE ABLE TO GET EVERYONE SAFELY OUT OF HERE.

HOPE YOU'RE NOT DISAPPOINTED!

SHRIEK, BABY... OUR MARITAL SQUABBLES WILL HAVE TO WAIT--

AGREED!

THESE WHITE HATS ARE REALLY BECOMING A NUISANCE--

--ES-PECIALLY THE SPIDER!

YES... SPIDER-MAN... THE ONE I HATE MOST OF ALL!



HEY, HONEY... I'VE GOT A GREAT IDEA... LET'S EVISCERATE THESE YO-YOS QUICK-- THEN FLY THE WHOLE FAMILY DOWN TO DISNEY WORLD--!

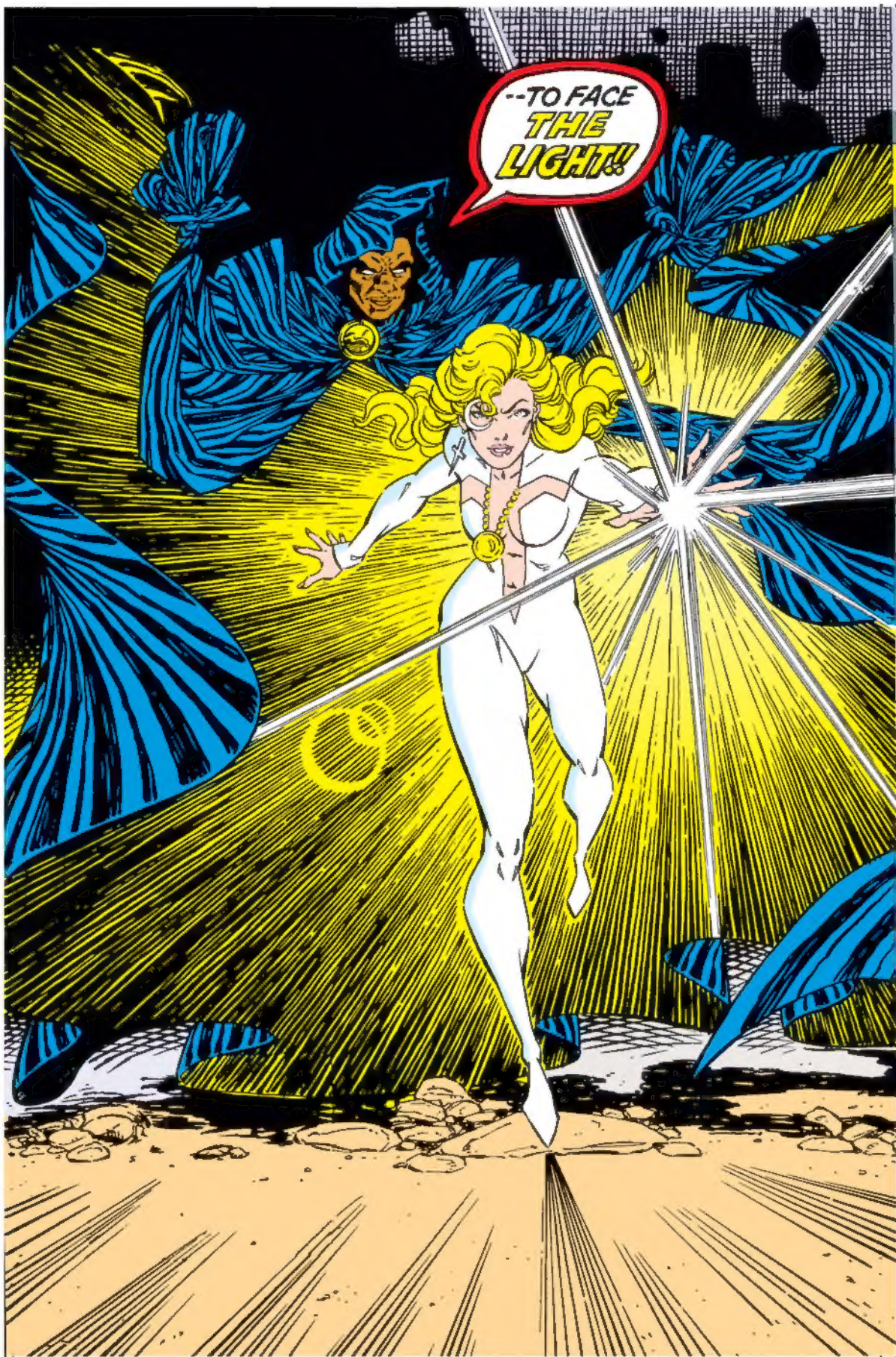
WE CAN MEND OUR BROKEN HOME... AND KILL A FEW THOUSAND TOURISTS... ALL AT THE SAME TIME!

YOUR DARKNESS WILL NOT SPREAD BEYOND THIS POINT, CARNAGE--

--FOR THE TIME HAS COME--



NO! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!



--TO FACE
**THE
LIGHT!!**



WELL LET'S
AKE A LOOK
RED LINE IS
ENCO'S BRA
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